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EXECUTION

Of the Twelve Prisoners

AT

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On Fryday the 24th of this instant October 1679.

Viz: *Thomas Hudson* and *Stephen Puseworth* Drawn and hang'd for High Treason. *John Hurst*, *Thomas French*, for Robbing on the High-way: *George Butler* for Horsestealing. *Edward Jenkins*, *Charles Mitchener*, *Isaac Whitaker*, *James Marmaduke*, *Charles Pain*, *Thomasin Moor*, all for Felonies and Burglaries. *Thomas Ded*, a Foot-pad.

And also *Christin Woodward*, who was on the same day burnt at a Stake for High Treason, in Clipping and Filing his Majesties Coin, with the manner of all their Facts by them committed, for which they now suffer.

AT the Sessions holden at the Old Bayley, on Wednesday the 15th of October 1679. and ended on Saturday the 18th. There were no less than 31 miserable Offenders that received Sentence of Death, but the never failing mercies of a Gracious Prince out of his tender Compassion to his miserable Subjects, Graciously reprieved 17 of them, the rest being 14 suffered on Fryday the 24th following.

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First, *Christian Woodward*, was indicted for High-Treason against his most sacred Majesty, his Crown and Dignity for that she in her House situate in the Parish of *St. Giles Cripple-gate*, did Clip several hundred pounds of lawful monies of *England*, the witness who first discovered her diabolick practise was formerly her old acquaintance, but since, being in *Newgate* he the better to quit himself impeached her; and those that apprehended her, upon the suddain surprize, found her Actually Clipping with many of her Instruments about her, and in her left hand twenty shillings newly clipped, the which she had not time to convey out of sight, as likewise upon farther search, found an enestimable quantity of Plate stolen from several persons of Quality and others; many years since with a considerable parcel of melted Silver; as likewise three hundred pounds of the largest monies that has of late been seen, all this being proved against her in Court, by those that Apprehended her as well as the principle discoverer, she alledge'd the Witness out of Mallice swore as well as thereby to obtain his Pardon as to the Plate, she confessed she had bought it, not knowing it to be stolen, but in conclusion, was brought in Guilty of High-Treason, and received accordingly, the dreadful Sentence to be burnt to Ashes, at which half dead, she was conducted to prison, from whence on this day early in the morning she was brought into *Smithfield*, fastened to a Stake in the Rounds, with a Rope about her Neck, and there expired in Flames to the great Amazement of the spectators, she had been a very ill liver, by profession a Pawnbroker, and a great oppressor of the poor, by defrauding and cruelly imprisoning many, the which she advised all of her Profession to abstain from, least Gods judgement armed with Vengeance, should or etake them in their pernicious ways and hellish dealing, &c.

The next in this fatal Carastrophy was *John Hurst*, a notorious High-way-Pad, who in the Company of two more, now Condemned, but graciously Reprieved, Robbed a Country-Man near *Hampstead*, and were, by his Procuration of an *Hew* and Cry, pursued by the Country, who overtaking them near *Mlington*, they fac'd about, and with their Swords defended themselves desperately, Charging through the Townsmen, but at length, their Swords breaking, they were forced to yield, and were Committed to *Newgate*, upon their Tryals, that and many other Robberies were proved against them, so that they received Sentence of Death, and the day beforementioned *Hurst*

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was Executed. During the respite, he seemed extreamly concerned at the near approach of Death, and greatly bewailed his untimely Fate conversing seriously with many Godly Ministers who came to visit him about the Eternal welfare, continuing penitent to the last.

The next were *Stephen Pufworth* and *Thomas Hudson* for that notorious Treason of Clipping the former being taken in a house of common necessity active with his pernicious Instruments a Circumcinding several *Elizabeth Millings*, and likewise several false pieces of money as it was conjectured newly coined, were found in his possession, and that he had been known to buy large monies, with several other circumstances against them both, upon which they were brought in Guilty, and received Sentence to be drawn upon a Hurdle to the place of Execution, and there to suffer, the which they did on this day, with a conscious remorse of their most detestable Crimes, lamenting and desiring the Prayers of all charitable Christians so that they gained much pity from the Spectator.

The next was *Thomas French* a notorious Highway-man, who having lately left his Gang, Robbed several Market-Women and others, but not long since, setting upon a Gentleman about *Knightsbridge*, robbed him of in money and Goods, to the value of forty shillings expecting there had been a greater sum upon which being pursued, he was taken, at his Tryal another Indictment came against him for stealing a Gelding, whereof he was found Guilty and received Sentence, he seemed little concerned till he came to the place of Execution, but there startled at the King of Terrors dreadful frowns, his daring Courage failed him, and sunk low, expressing his inward heaviness, his words were very few only admonishing all to be careful of their ways.

The next was *George Butler*, who was Indicted for Horse stealing, he had been formerly a Jocky, and a conveyer or seller of Horses for others but finding that stealing of them for himself was most profitable, he thought fit to exercise the same the which he did for some years, with great success, getting Moneys plentifully thereby, but that which is ill got, is often at last basely spent, and the power of darkness inares the during Soul at last, that put to much confidence in his protection, so happened it to him, for he in company of some others not long since stealing a parcel of Horses out of a Farmers Ground near *Twickenham*, were apprehended, and many Indictments coming

in against them were condemned, the rest were graciously reprieved, but he this day executed, his behaviour was suitable to his condition, being much dejected scarcely holding up his head but sighing as if he despaired of his eternal Rest.

The next were *Edward Jarvis*, *Charles Michener*, *Jack Whitticar*, *James Marmalake*, were indicted for notorious burglaries, breakeing open several Houses, as well in *London*, as the *Countrey*, having had several indictments against them heretofore, their Roberies were so frequent and so notorious that there need no great difficulty to find them Guilty, having stolen Plate, Linnen, Puter, Brals, and other goods of Vallue, from several persons of quality, whereupon the Jury brought him in Guilty, after their condemnation he seemed very penitent, bewailing there stupified Geni<sup>us</sup>, that they could take no warning, but still Run on induracious Patches, and meet destruction with there open Arms.

The next was *Thomas Dod*, who was executed for Robbing a Market Woman of about 4 shillings, *near Barnet*, he had lived in a lewd and wicked course, and kept a house but despised his sacred word; not frequenting Gods congregation, but rather despised good men, therefore he thought that God had suffered him to Run into such Evil waies deterring forgiveness of all that he injured, and so was transfuted to Eternity.

The next were *Charles Pain*, and *Thomasin Moor*, for Felony and burglary, having been Old offenders, several Indictments were brought in against them, of which they were found Guilty and accordingly sentenced, their behaviour was some what resolute in consideration of the moments that were between them, and the Grave, yet they lacked not to shew some outward semblances of Sorrow. Thus after Prayers and good exhortations to instruct them, and fit them for another Life, these Poor Miscreants bid adiew to the World, after this manner (viz) 1 Burnt in *Smithfield*, and 13 Executed at *Tyburn*, let these Trajick Catastrophies be a warning to all villious and presumptuous offenders &c. In some of our Papers there is 13 said to be hang'd but it proves a mistake, *John Martin* being Reprieved a little before they went to Execution.